

Prince George's County Human Rights Commission

Monday, June 27, 2022

Zoom Meeting of the
Prince George's County
Human Rights Commission

ATTENDEES:

Commissioners:

Charlene Proctor, Chair
Felicia Sadler, Vice-Chair
Wade Woolfolk, Secretary
Nathaniel Bryant
Llamilet Gutierrez
Sylvia Johnson
Ademola Oduyebo
Andrea Price-Carter

Staff:

Renée Battle-Brooks
Executive Director

Jose Villegas
Senior Investigator

Kyla Hanington
Jacqueline Cochran
Clerk to the Commission

Keisha Garner, Counsel to the Commission

Excused:

Adonna Bannister Green
Wendi Howard
Joseph Reed

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm and asked the Secretary to do a roll call.
2. Adopt Agenda – The Chair called for a review of the agenda. The agenda was adopted as written with no changes.
3. Approval of Minutes of the **May 23, 2022** meeting. The minutes were adopted as distributed with no changes.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair noted that the June meeting is the last meeting of the Fiscal Year and reflected on what a year the Commission had had, with several hearings held and others scheduled and resolved before hearing.

The Chair and several other commissioners seeking re-appointment met before the Prince George's County Council last week and Council members Streeter and Turner asked questions of the Commission and expressed an interest in hearing more from the Commission.

As several Commissioners are not seeking re-appointment, the Commission will need to fill the roles of Secretary and Vice-Chair. Chair Proctor asked for anyone interested to please let her know their interest. She said more will be heard on this in the July meeting. Vice-Chair Sadler, Secretary Woolfolk, Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Green, and Commissioner Price-Carter are stepping down from the Commission and will be thanked more fully during the announcement portion of the meeting.

She also shared information about the upcoming gala hosted by the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights.

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director noted the guest in attendance is a representative of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights. She thanked the departing Commissioners and asked them to provide their updated mailing address so a plaque acknowledging their service reaches them.

She shared that the Office of Human Rights recently had an opportunity to report with the State Department on Human Trafficking and the Language Access Division had presented to various County department heads. The Chair asked if the Commission might get cases on issues concerning Language Access. The Executive Director explained that the Language Access law requires that reports of non-compliance be investigated by the Language Access Division who then can issue corrective action.

The Executive Director also reported on an upcoming housing discrimination campaign with advertisements on the bus shelters, the transit bus, and elsewhere. The Commissioners should start seeing advertisements of the campaign in July.

6. CASES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

FEPA Charge No.: HRC21-0202

EEOC Case No.: 531-2020-02614

Teonna Marshall v Seafood Fusions, Inc (aka Hook and Reel, Inc.)

Investigator Langston Clay

Panel Members: Commissioner Bryant as Panel Chair, Commissioner Johnson, Vice-Chair Sadler; Secretary Woolfolk as the alternate.

Four nights of public hearing were held in this matter on May 11th, May 16th, 2022, June 15th, June 16th, and June 23, 2022.

7. **CASE STATUS UPDATE - NONE**

8. **APPEAL HEARING**

Below is an update on the petitions for judicial review of Commission decisions before the Circuit Court of Prince George's County.

Henry Lewis v Board of Education of Prince George's County
HRC Case No.: HRC17-0809

Lois Aba Kwakyewaa Yankah v Gateway Hall, LLC
OHR Case No.: HRC20-1203

9. **ATTENDANCE RECORD** – Attached

The Chair invited the Commissioners to review the attendance record and, if noting any issue, to contact the Clerk for the Commission for corrections.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Division 12, Subdivision 5, Prohibited Acts in Housing and Residential Real Estate**

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2022.
- b. The Chair acknowledged the five departing Commissioners: Vice-Chair Sadler, Secretary Woolfolk, Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Green, and Commissioner Price-Carter. She noted their involvement in public hearings panels and their efforts. She thanked them for their desire to seek appointment to the Commission and their commitment to the work of the Commission. She wished them the best going forward, noting that she knew they would continue to get into “good trouble”. She invited others at the meeting to share comments.

Vice-Chair Sadler reflected on her time in the Commission and stated that she was a friend of the Commission for life. She felt they had done a great job working in the virtual environment and pivoting over the last three years.

Commissioner Bryant echoed Commissioner Sadler and said it was a personal pleasure to be involved with the Commission and thanked his fellow Commissioners for their professionalism.

Secretary Woolfolk said it was a pleasure to serve on the Commission, noting that it was his third County board in the last eight years, and it had been a bit of a stretch being on the Commission.

Commissioner Price-Carter also thanked the Commission and talked about her increased knowledge and desire to go forward helping others.

Commissioner Johnson reminisced about the swearing in ceremony and offered to send the video to the Commissioners. She thanked those leaving for their service to the Commission and to the residents of the County and thanked the Chair for her leadership, under which the Commission had grown and flourished.

Commissioner Oduyebo thanked his fellow Commissioners and stated it was a pleasure to serve with them.

13. CLOSED SESSION

There were no matters for Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT – 5:50 pm



Jacqueline Cochran
Clerk to the Commission